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A.—The matter has been referred to the Superintending Engineer for report.

Irrigation of Soda Sudamani, Nannilam.

* 410 *Q*.—Mr. V. PANTULU AYYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether any petition was received from the Secretary of the Mirasidars' Association, Nannilam taluk, regarding the defective irrigation of the Kodamurti called the Soda Sudamani, east of Kodavasal, and, if so, whether any action was taken upon it?

A.—No such petition can be traced in the Government records.

Levy of penal water-cess in East Godavari district.

* 411 *Q*.—Mr. P. PEDDIRAJU : Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Collector levied penal water-cess on consolidated wet lands in the East Godavari district in the year 1924–25, simply because the lands were irrigated before 15th June 1924; if so, whether the Government authorized the same and for what reasons; and

(*b*) what was the amount so collected in the said year?

A.—The Government have no information but have called for a report.

Irrigation advisory boards.

* 412 *Q*.—Mr. P. PEDDIRAJU : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government passed any orders regarding the formation of separate Irrigation advisory boards for each of the districts in the Godavari and Kistna deltas; and

(*b*) if so, for which districts?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to G.O. No. 273 I., dated 3rd July 1925, which has been placed on the Editors' Table.

Sangameswaram and Kistna reservoir projects.

* 413 *Q*.—Mr. P. PEDDIRAJU : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have sanctioned a separate establishment for the investigation and preparation of estimates for the Sangameswaram project and the Kistna reservoir project; and

(*b*) if not, whether the Government intend to do so?

A.—(*a*) No.
(*b*) Not at present.

Silt clearance and conservancy in Godavari delta irrigation channels.

* 414 *Q*.—Mr. P. PEDDIRAJU : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government have called from the local officials for a programme of work with reference to silt clearance and conservancy of the irrigation channels in the Godavari delta as promised by the hon. Member at the time of budget discussion in 1924;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received any programme from local officials regarding the same;

(c) if the answer to question (a) is in the negative, whether the Government will be pleased to call for the same at once and to appoint an advisory committee to advise the local officials with respect to the same; and

(d) whether the Government will be pleased to appoint a special staff for investigation and report regarding the said necessary requirements?

A.—(a) & (b) The answer is in the negative.

(c) & (d) As was explained in the discussion of the resolution moved last February the Government think that the boards that may be formed under the provision of the Irrigation Bill should be used for the purpose of advice on this matter, and they do not propose to constitute a special advisory committee. The Government now await detailed proposals from the Chief Engineer for the constitution of a special division for the investigation of the remodelling of channels and the improvement of drainage in this delta.

Improvement of drains in Godavari and Kistna deltas.

* 415 *Q.*—Mr. P. Peddiraju: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have called for any proposals from the Superintending Engineer, Bezwada, for the improvement of drains in the Godavari and Kistna deltas as promised by the hon. Member at the time of budget discussion; and

(b) if not, whether the Government will be pleased to call for the same at once and to appoint an advisory committee to assist the local officials?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 414.

Work on the Yenamadurru drain.

* 416 *Q.*—Mr. P. Peddiraju: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the amount of work turned out by the drag line excavator on the Yenamadurru drain during the last two years in view of the answer given by the Government to question No. 113 on 5th February 1925;

(b) whether it is not a fact that it is lying idle; and

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to furnish the amount incurred for its maintenance during the last two years ending with 30th June 1925, and if figures are not available, whether the Government will be pleased to call for the same?

A.—The Government have called for a report.

Repairs to the anicut of Rampur channel.

* 417 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the work of repairs to the anicut crest of the Rampur channel, Bellary district, which had to be stopped owing to the early freshes in 1921 have since been taken up and thoroughly completed, and if so, when; and